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## **CIRCULAR LETTER TAR-04-5**

TO: Temporary Amusement Ride Owners/Operators

SUBJECT: Issuing of a "Permit to Operate"

Per California Code of Regulations, Sections 3903, 3910, and 3911, all non-destructive testing records, manufacturer bulletin records and ride manuals, daily inspection reports, and training records for authorized persons (see definition in section 3901(b)) must be maintained and will be reviewed by the Division before a "Permit" to operate an amusement ride can be issued.

Also before a "Permit" is issued the ride must be free of all requirements except those deemed by the inspector to be non-critical to the immediate safe operation of the ride. When non-critical violations are found it is probable a temporary permit (Labor Code 7906) will be issued. If compliance is not received before the expiration date of the temporary permit a follow-up inspection and additional charges may take place. The discovery of worn or damaged parts during an inspection is deemed a critical violation and the permitting of the ride may be delayed.

If various tests or permits (non-destructive tests, air tank permit, etc.) are due at a time after the permit inspection, a temporary permit will be issued. The owner/operator should submit the results of the tests and/or copies of permits by their due dates in order to avoid a follow-up inspection and additional charges.

The Division will attempt to identify rides which have a history of problems and may make follow-up inspections on these rides. The California Labor Code, Section 7906, does allow the Division to inspect rides each time they are disassembled or reassembled. These follow-up inspections will be charged at the standard rate of \$125.00 per hour.

If you have any questions regarding this information please contact my office at the address or telephone number listed on the letterhead.

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